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PROVISIONAL AGENDA (COPIES WILL BE POUCHED TO DEPT AUG 27) FOR
SUBJECT MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE

1. OPENING ADDRESSES

DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME OF THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE GIVEN IN
THE ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE OPENING MEETING, WHICH WILL BE HELD
ON THEMORNING OF MONDAY, 30 AUGUST.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT IN THE CONDUCT OF ITS ACTIVITIES THE MEETING
SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE GENERAL PRINCIPLE THAT THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF
THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS
APPLICABLE WHEREVER THEY ARE APPROPRIATE TO THE SITUATION.
CONSEQUENTLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 16 OF THOSE RULES, IT IS
PROPOSED THAT THE MEETING SHOULD ELECT FROM AMONG ITS PARTICIPANTS
A CHAIRMAN, TWO VICE-CHAIRMEN AND A RAPPORTEUR.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

REPRESENTATIVES MAY EITHER ADOPT THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA AS
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SUBMITTED OR MAKE SUCH COMMENTS ON IT AS THEY DEEM APPRO-

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HE SAME TIME, OR AFTER PRIOR CONSULTATION AMONG
HEADS OF DELEGATIONS, THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK DURING THE FIVE
DAYS THAT THE MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO LAST MAY ALSO BE AGREED
UPON. IT MIGHT BE WORTH CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING
PLENARY MEETINGS ON THE FIRST DAY, SO THAT DELEGATES CAN MAKE
GENERAL STATEMENTS OF THEIR GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS, AND ALSO ON
THE AFTERNOON OF THE LAST DAY, SO THAT THE CONCLUSIONS AND ACTION
PROPOSALS OF THE MEETING CAN BE DISCUSSED. ON THE OTHER DAYS,
DELEGATES COULD WORK IN COMMITTEE ON THE DETAILED DISCUSSION
OF THE AGENDA ITEMS AND THE PREPARATION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING.

4. THE MAIN PROBLEMS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF LATIN AMERICA'S WATER RESOURCES AND THE POLICY OPTIONS AVAILABLE

THE REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING IS SEEN AS A FORUM AT WHICH THE
COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA CAN IDENTIFY THEIR NEEDS AS REGARDS
WATER, THE OBSTACLES TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS RESOURCE, AND POSSIBL
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SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS, AND AT WHICH ACTION PROPOSALS CAN BE
PREPARED FOR SUBMISSION AT THE UNITED NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE (MAR
DEL PLATA, 7-18 MARCH 1977) THE AGENDA OF THIS LATTER CONFERENCE
HAS FOUR MAIN ITEMS. THE FIRST TWO OF THESE, I. "RESOURCES
AND NEEDS" AND II. "THE PROMISE OF TECHNOLOGY", PROVIDE
BACKGROUND MATERIAL WHICH WILL NOT BE THE SUBJECT OF
DISCUSSION. THIS WILL CENTRE ON ITEMS III. "POLICY OPTIONS",
AND IV. " ACTION PROPOSALS". CONSEQUENTLY, THE REGIONAL
PREPARATORY MEETING TO BE HELD IN LIMA WILL LIKEWISE
CONCENTRATE ON THE DISCUSSION OF ITEMS III AND IV IN THE LIGHT
OF LATIN AMERICAN CONDITIONS. IN ORDER FOR THE DISCUSSIONS ON
THE POLICY OPTIONS AND ACTION PROPOSALS TO HAVE A SUITABLE BASIS,
HOWEVER, IT IS DESIRABLE THAT THERE SHOULD BE AN EXCHANGE OF
VIEWS ON THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE MAIN PROBLEMS REGARDING WATER
IN THE REGION, THE CRITICAL AREAS AS REGARDS SHORTAGE OR EXCESS
OF WATER, QUESTIONS RELATED WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL DETERIORATION
OF THIS RESOURCE, AND THE TECHNOLOGIES INVOLVED. IN ORDER TO
SELECT THESE ASPECTS OF INTEREST, MEETING WILL HAVE BEFORE IT
THE COUNTRY REPORTS, THE REPORT BY THE SECRETARIAT ENTITLED " LOS
RECURSOS HIDRAULICOS DE AMERICA LATINA - INFORME REGIONAL"
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THE COUNTRY REPORTS, AND OTHER REFERENCE DOCUMENTS WHOSE TITLES
WILL BE GIVEN IN DUE COURSE.

THE DISCUSSIONS ON THIS AGENDA ITEM COULD BE ORGANIZED IN THE
FOLLOWING ORDER:

(A) CRITICAL AREAS AS REGARDS THE RATIO BETWEEN WATER SUPPLY
AND DEMAND:

(B) ENVIRONMENTAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

(C) POLICY OPTIONS (LEGISLATION, INSTITUTIONS, PLANNING, SECTORAL STRATEGIES, FINANCIAL ASPECTS, ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS, INTERNATIONAL BASINS, ETC).

5. ACTION PROPOSALS

BEARING IN MIND THE NEED FOR THE FULL UTILIZATION OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE OBSTACLES AND INSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS CONSIDERED IN THE PREVIOUS ITEM, ACTION PROPOSALS SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR SUBMISSION AS SUCH FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION AND FINAL DISCUSSION AT THE CONFERENCE. THESE PROPOSALS WOULD IN REALITY FORM THE RESOLUTIONARY PART OF THE MEETING AND WOULD CONSTITUTE, ALONG WITH THE CONSIDERATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS ON THE FOREGOING ITEM, THE MAIN PART OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING.

IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THE ACTION PROPOSALS WILL HAVE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMPONENTS. THE FIRST OF THESE WILL CONCERN THE MEASURES WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES MAY WISH TO TAKE IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EFFICIENT UTILIZATION OF THEIR NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES, WHILE THE INTERNATIONAL COMPONENT WILL INCLUDE AN INDICATION OF THE FUTURE CONTRIBUTION EXPECTED FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

6. OTHER MATTERS

THIS ITEM COVERS ANY OTHER MATTERS WHICH DELEGATES MAY CONSIDER OF INTEREST WITHIN THE GENERAL SCOPE AND SPIRIT OF THE MEETING.

7. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING

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THE REPORT, WHICH WILL BE ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND, IF POSSIBLE, BY CONSENSUS, WILL CONTAIN THE CONSIDERATIONS, CONCLUSIONS, ACTION PROPOSALS, AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION OF INTEREST.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE REPORT SHOULD BE BRIEF AND TO THE POINT, ACTION-ORIENTED, AND SHOULD CONTAIN ONLY SUCH BACKGROUND MATERIAL AND ANNEXES AS ARE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL.
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